

formed when the Emperor of Austria went to see his daughter at Kambouillet. I recollect it was thought extraordinary at the time that the Emperor Alexander should accompany Mm on this visit; and, indeed, the sight of the sovereign, who was regarded as the head and arbiter of the coalition, could not be agreeable to the dethroned Empress.¹ The two Emperors set off from Paris shortly after each other. The Emperor of Austria arrived first at Uambouillet, where he was received with respect and affection by his daughter. Maria Louisa was happy to see him, but the many tears she shed were not all tears of joy. After the first effusion of filial affection she complained of the situation to which she was reduced. Her father sympathized with her, but could offer her no consolation, since her misfortunes were irreparable. Alexander was expected to arrive immediately, and the Emperor of Austria therefore informed his daughter that the Russian monarch wished to see her. At first Maria Louisa decidedly refused to receive him, and she persisted for some time in this resolution. She said to her father, "Would he too make me a prisoner before your eyes? If he outers hove by force I will retire to my chamber. There, I presume, he will not dare to follow me. whiles you are ho.ro." But there wan no time to be lost; Francis II. heard the equipage of the* Kmporor of Russia rolling through the courtyard of Ram* bouillot, and his entreaties to his daughter became- more and more urgent. At lo.ugth she yielded, and the Emperor of Austria went himself to meet his ally and conduct him to the

¹ Menevjtl (tome if. p. 112), then with Maria liouina as Secretary, whogivoa Home detail* of her interview with tin* Kmporor KriiticiHon the loth of April, sayH nothing about the C/ar having boon there; a fact ho would havo been Bu're to have remarked upon. H wan only on the 10th of April that Alexander vlnStc'cl her, the King of Pnuutla coming in bin turn on the *J2<1; but Jourrleime Ik right In Haying that Maria Louisa complained bitterly of having to receive Alexander, and ewwidared that she wan forced by her nither to do HO. The poor little King of Home, Hum only three yoara ofd, had aHo to bo necm try the iiumardiH. He was not taken with bin grandfather, rmmirking that ho wan nt>t ItantLAotno. Maria Loui»a Hooouifl, nccorditig to Mmiaval, to have bc'<>n at thiH t! m«' really anxfoth to join Napoleon (Mtincydl, Uirao il. p. M). Kho left liambotilllet on tha Ujkl of April, Htopped one day at IrosbolH, receiving thero her father and Bert.hier, and taking farowoll of novoral p<*r-BotiH who euin« from Parik for that mirpo^e. On tlurvjtth of April she (ttarttvl for Vienna^ and lat^r for l'arina, wnioli State rho r«(H»]ved tinder tha trinity of 1814 and 1815, Hhe yielded tothelitfluen<je brought to bear on her, boeaiut* outranged from Napolcioiu and ovcmtually degraded herself enough to marry her chamberlain, the Comte de Heipptsrg, an Auftrian general.